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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry into the record of this application and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the documents. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Also enclosed is a Foreign Search Report issued on August 12, 2002 for a foreign counterpart of the present patent application, in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since a translation of the Search Report is also enclosed, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

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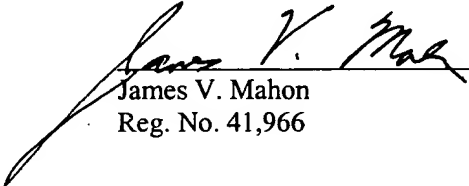
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Respectfully submitted,

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